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Ottawa, Canada

The Honorable Eva Aariak
Premier of Nunavut
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Dear Premier Aariak:

On behalf of the United States Government and Mission Canada, I would like to congratulate you and the people of Nunavut today, April 1st, 2009, on the 10th anniversary of the Territory's founding. The Arctic Territory of Nunavut proudly emerged after many years of tireless work with many dreams and hopes for generations ahead. The people of Nunavut can be very proud of their many achievements thus far.

As newly elected Premier, today you hold the proud honor of being Nunavut's political leader at this extraordinary time. You, the Inuit elders, and a new generation of Nunavummiut are transforming their lives and their land, and your dedication offers great hope for Nunavut's next ten years.

The year 2009 also marks a particularly significant year with the 100th Anniversary of Sir Robert Peary's and Captain Bob Bartlett's famed 1909 North Pole Expedition.

Once again, our warmest congratulations and personal best wishes to you and your fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Breese
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.